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SUBJECT: UNHCR SURVEY OF REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND

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GENEVA FOR CARLIN

DEPTOFFS SPOKE WITH UNHR REP NEW YORK VIRA DAYAL JUNE 11
CONCERNING DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER SUGGESTION (REFTEL) THAT
UNHCR AND CRS MERGE FORCES TO FACILITATE THE SURVEY
OF THE CURRENT REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND. DAYAL
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, AT THE MOMENT, THOUGH CRS WAS WILLING
AND READY TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A SURVEY, UNHCR PRE-
FERRED TO KEEP THE WORK AT THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.

DAYAL ALSO INDICATED THAT THE RTG, FAR FROM KEEPING HIS
ORGANIZATION AT ARM'S LENGTH, HAD INDICATED BY LETTER
ITS WILLINGNESS TO PERMIT UNHCR REPS TO SURVEY EXISTING
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CAMPS. DAYAL ALSO INDICATED THAT UNHCR HQS IN GENEVA HAD

ALREADY AMASSED SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION ON
REFUGEE SITUATION SUMMARIZING IT BRIEFLY AS SOME 2000
VIETNAMESE GATHERED IN SATTAHIP, 7000 KHMER ALONG THE
FRONTIER NOT COUNTING AN ADDITIONAL 12000 KHMER THAT HAVE
ALREADY BEEN ABSORBED IN THAI PROVINCES IN THE NORTHEAST,

AS WELL AS THE 6-8000 MEO OF VANG PAO.

WHEN ASKED FOR COPIES OF REPORTS DAYAL SAID THAT HE
BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS IF DEPARTMENT RE-
QUESTED COPIES OF UNHCR REPORTS DIRECTLY FROM GENEVA.
SINCE HE WAS UNCERTAIN THAT HE HAD RECEIVED COPIES OF ALL
MESSAGES, AND UNDOUBTEDLY THE UNHCR OFFICE IN BANGKOK
POUCHED EXTENSIVE NAME LISTS DIRECTLY TO HEADQUARTERS.

WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF MISSION COULD OBTAIN COPIES
OF ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO UNHCR ON SITUATION IN
THAILAND AND TRANSMIT IT ATTN ITAF. KISSINGER

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